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(Attorney Docket No. 100191)

Applicant: Schroeder et al.

Application No. 10/660,379

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For: CHEMICAL-MECHANICAL
POLISHING COMPOSITION
AND METHOD FOR USING
THE SAME

Examiner: George A. Goudreau

Art Unit: 1763

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In response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2004, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS*The Pending Claims*

The pending claims are directed to a chemical-mechanical polishing composition comprising fumed silica particles, at least one alkaline earth metal, an oxidizing agent, and a liquid carrier, as well as methods of polishing a substrate using the same. Claims 1-86 currently are pending.

Summary of the Office Action

The Office Action rejects claims 1-86 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as their invention. The Office Action further rejects claims 1-6, 11,

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